## STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the 70<sup>th</sup> observance of the National Day of Prayer will be held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 with the theme "Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty" based on 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."; and

WHEREAS, a National Day of Prayer was first declared by the First Continental Congress in 1775, and since 1952 the U.S. Congress has approved a Joint Resolution setting aside a day each year for prayer, and in 1988, the United States Congress directed the President of the United States to set aside and proclaim the first Thursday of May annually as a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, Americans are privileged to worship freely without fear of government intrusion, one of the fundamental principles on which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the love and power of God we unite with Montanans in prayer with thankfulness, while seeking guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, we, like President Truman on the first National Day of Prayer, ask God "to grant us wisdom to know the course we should follow and strength and patience to pursue that course steadfastly";

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2021 to be a

## DAY OF PRAYER

in Montana to pray for our state, nation, and world.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor